

REMARKS

In the Office Action of December 21, 2006, the Examiner made the restriction final and withdrew claims 1-3 from further consideration. The Examiner also rejected claims 4-20 as being indefinite and noted many phrases being indefinite or lacking antecedent basis. The claims have been amended to improve clarity and place them in conformance with U.S. practice.

The Examiner rejected claims 4-20 as being anticipated or obvious over U.S. 4,805,345 (Ohi). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The invention discloses and claims a trigger which moves axially to lower a seal profile. The lowering of the seal profile creates door seal pressure. If this door seal pressure exceeds a predetermined amount, the trigger is self-adjusted. The self-adjustment occurs when the trigger moves relative to a transmission element, such as a threaded rod. Movement of the trigger relative to the transmission element decreases the amount the seal profiled is lowered, thereby affecting the door seal pressure. The manner in which the trigger moves relative to the transmission element when the door seal pressure is exceeded is set forth in dependent claims.

Ohi does not disclose a seal profile lowered by a trigger which is self-adjusting. The trigger 31 is manually adjusted. As set forth in column 2, lines 66 to column 3, line 7, the trigger is adjusted by screwing the contact element against rod 30. A spring is mounted between a nut on the rod and the trigger to provide pressure against the contact element. Such a combination of the nut spring and contact element precludes the threaded connection between the contact element and rod being moved or removed. No self-adjustment mechanism is disclosed or suggested by Ohi as the contact element 31 must be turned to change the distance between the contact element and the nut. The deficiencies of Ohi are not cured by DE 394526 (Hahn) or any other prior art of record.

The claims are allowable and favorable action is eagerly and earnestly solicited. If any issues remain and the Examiner believes a telephone conversation would resolve such issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

If any fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

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